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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT: Intelligence Disclosure Policy (U)

- References:
- (a) Director of Central Intelligence Directive, "Intelligence Disclosure Policy (U)," May 25, 1983 (enclosure 1)
 - (b) National Policy and Procedures for the Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations (U) (short title: National Disclosure Policy (NDP-1)), September 9, 1981
 - (c) DoD Instruction 5230.18, "The DoD Foreign Disclosure Automated Data System (FORDAD)," July 10, 1973

A. PURPOSE

1. (U) This Directive supplements reference (a) to establish policy, prescribe procedures, and assign responsibilities for the control of disclosures of classified U.S. intelligence to officials of foreign governments and international organizations.

2. (U) It establishes special criteria and procedures for the coordination of disclosures of classified U.S. intelligence to senior foreign officials as defined in reference (a) (see enclosure 1).

B. APPLICABILITY

(U) This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, and the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components").

C. POLICY

(U) It is DoD policy to control the disclosure of classified U.S. intelligence to officials of foreign governments and international organizations in accordance with references (a) (enclosure 1) and (b), as applicable.

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¹ Available on a need-to-know basis from the Principal Director for Counterintelligence and Security Policy, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

[REDACTED]

D. PROCEDURES

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. (U) Decisions by DoD Components concerning the disclosure or denial of classified U.S. intelligence to officials of foreign governments and international organizations shall be recorded in the Foreign Disclosure and Technical Information System (FORDTIS) in accordance with DoD Instruction 5230.18 (reference (c)). Disclosures involving sensitive compartmented information that cannot be sanitized appropriately may be excluded from this requirement provided a permanent, retrievable record is maintained pursuant to paragraph B.2.b. of the attachment to reference (a) (enclosure 1).

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. (U) The Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service, and the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency:

a. (U) Shall decide, in compliance with sections C. and D., above, whether to disclose or deny classified U.S. intelligence to officials of foreign governments and international organizations.

b. (U) May redelegate their authority, in writing, as required for efficient operation of organizational elements under their direction, authority, or control.

2. (U) The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, shall:

a. (U) Upon receipt of adequate justification, and in coordination with the DUSD(P), delegate disclosure authority, in writing, to the Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands, the OSD principal staff assistants, and the heads of DoD Components not listed in subsection E.1., above.

b. (U) Recommend to the DUSD(P) for approval uniform DoD procedures for the coordination of proposed disclosures of classified U.S. intelligence to senior foreign officials.

c. (U) Coordinate within and for the Department of Defense, proposed disclosures of classified U.S. intelligence to senior foreign officials under the procedures in section D. of the attachment to reference (a) (enclosure 1).

d. (U)

3. (U) The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, or designee, shall:

a. (U) Be responsible for the oversight and effective implementation of this Directive within the Department of Defense.

b. (U) Resolve conflicts among DoD Components relating to disclosures of classified U.S. intelligence to senior foreign officials.

4. (U) Heads of DoD Components shall:

a. (U) Designate a point of contact who shall be responsible for coordinating proposed intelligence disclosures to senior foreign officials and furnish to the Chief, Foreign Disclosure Branch (DI-4B), Foreign Liaison Division, Directorate of Intelligence and External Affairs, DIA, the identification of such points of contact.


b. (U) Ensure that the Chief, DI-4B, DIA, is notified at least 5 working days in advance of proposed disclosures to senior foreign officials. Such notification shall include as much of the essential information specified in section D. of the attachment to reference (a) (enclosure 1) as is available.

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F. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

(U) This Directive is effective immediately. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy within 120 days.


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Deputy Secretary of Defense

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Director of Central Intelligence Directive, "Intelligence Disclosure Policy," May 25, 1983

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